**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : The information asked for is not available.

*Indebtedness of the Travancore Ryot.*

37. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Are the Government in possession of information which might indicate, at least roughly, the extent of indebtedness of the Travancore ryot, both personal and mortgaged ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

*Women Graduates in the Education Department.*

38. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of women graduates now employed in the Education Department ;

(*b*) the number of Hindus among them ;

(*c*) whether the first lady from the Nanjinad Vellala community who has passed the B. A. (Hons.) degree examination has applied for any post ; and

(*d*) if so, what has been done with that application ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

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|---|---|---|
| (*a*) | Permanent | 24 |
| | Acting | 6 |
| (*b*) | Permanent | 5 |
| | Acting | 2 |

(*c*) The Director of Public Instruction reports that applications have been received by him from one Srimati P. S. Chellamma, B. A. (Hons.) who belongs to the Nanjinad Vellala community for a post either in His Highness the Maha Raja's College for Women or in a Departmental Girls' English School.

(*d*) The Director of Public Instruction reports that the applications have been registered and that they will receive considertaion when vacancies arise. He adds that her appointment in a Girls' English School, however, can be thought of only after the women graduates who have acted and are now without employment have been provided for.

*Grant to Vellore Missionary Medical School.*

39. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : With reference to the capitation grant of Rs. 500 made to the Missionary Medical School at Vellore, will the Government be pleased to state why this school was selected for grant in preference to the Government medical institutions in the Presidency of Madras ?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : This school was chosen in view of the fact that a number of students from Travancore are studying in that institution. Until the close of the official year 1924-25, the Madras Government made to the school a capitation grant

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on all students in attendance at Rs. 250 each per annum. But as a result of a retrenchment scheme, they stopped allowing anything for students coming from outside the Presidency, holding that the school must look for grants to the Governments of the States of which the students are subjects. The Government therefore sanctioned a capitation grant of Rs. 500 a year for four years on condition that two students at least from Travancore are undergoing training in the school during the year.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Was the capitation grant made by the Madras Government stopped after the Lady Willingdon Medical School was opened in Madras?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was stopped in 1925.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): When was the Lady Willingdon Medical School opened?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): If the Madras Government have stopped the capitation grant, may I know why the Travancore Government did not stop it.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Travancore Government proposed to continue the grant because many Travancore students are studying there.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is the Chief Secretary aware that there are more than 100 Travancore students studying for medicine in the Madras Presidency?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Women students?

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): No, not women students alone.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This grant is intended for women students, since there is a scarcity of women going in for the study of medicine.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is the Chief Secretary aware that there are about twenty students in the Lady Willingdon Medical School?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a Government School. The question is only with regard to aided schools.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are there precedents for such grants?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. This is not the first instance of the kind.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Did the Travancore Government receive any requisition for such assistance from the Government Institution at Madras?

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**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Chief Secretary kindly name any other institution for which capitation grant has been given?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a technical school in Bombay to which such grant is being given.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is there any other institution in the Madras Presidency which receives such a grant?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think this is the only institution in the Madras Presidency which is receiving such a grant.

**MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Is it not a missionary institution?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

*Grants to Girls' Schools.*

40. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of girls' schools receiving grants from the Government; and

(*b*) how many of the managers of these schools are women?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is given below:

| Class of school. | Number aided. | Number whose managers are women. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. English Schools for Girls. | 20 | 11 | These figures relate to the year 1101. |
| 2. Special Schools for Girls. | 19 | 14 | |
| 3. Vernacular Schools for Girls. | 189 | 36 | |

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41. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 64, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Rev., dated the 8th December 1923?

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